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Dear Provider:

Thank you for the care you provide to children in Wisconsin. We want to ensure that you are able to continue providing care, particularly to low income children.

All providers who are accepting Wisconsin Shares payments must participate in YoungStar, Wisconsin's Quality Rating and Improvement System for child care.

According to DCF records, we believe you are accepting Wisconsin Shares payments and are serving at least one child. Therefore, if you are accepting Shares payments, you must sign up for YoungStar by June 1, 2012 or your Wisconsin Shares payments may be ended.

A YoungStar Contract is enclosed for your convenience. **Please complete** and send the contract back to your local YoungStar office by **June 1, 2012**. We have included a map of local YoungStar Offices to assist you in locating your local office.

If you have questions about this process, please contact your local YoungStar Office or the Child Care Information Center at **1-800-362-7353**. You can also send questions via e-mail at youngstar@wisconsin.gov.

YoungStar is a new DCF program created to help Wisconsin children receive quality child care. We are excited to have you be a part of this important effort.

Sincerely,

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